



## **Using Stainless Steel Outdoor Wall Lights Effectively in the Modern Garden**

There is something exceptionally beautiful about the use of stainless steel as a material in building, and the same can be said for its use in the garden. [Stainless steel outdoor wall lights](#) provide a wonderful 'industrial' contrast to the natural elements of planting and soft landscaping. When used for illumination it does not intrude on a design but stands up for itself as an ideal material for the purpose. The medium is so familiar to designers it can be formed in to a plethora of shapes, which permits artistic expression in a functional element.

Where you might need to have curves, stainless steel outdoor wall lights in the shape of arcs and bands that offer a contemporary feel to a building or, depending on what the setting might be, can suggest the clean, neat lines of the Art Deco period of the 1920s and 1930s – yet still look timeless. Many designs of stainless steel outdoor wall lights feature a lantern in a variety of shapes, which lend themselves to a range of décor styles. Traditional globes and carriage lanterns are available in their original design or in a more modern take with cylinders and rods fronted by acrylic/glass panes.



Many stainless steel outdoor wall lights make the most of the material so that the casing is entirely made of stainless steel – an exceptionally durable material that is particularly suited for outdoor use and thus ideal for use in a garden on a porch wall, at a door entrance, on a garage wall or along a walkway. Various types of plates add subtle differences to seemingly similar designs. This is extremely helpful when you are trying to marry shapes. For example, a down light might be in a cylindrical style, satisfying your desire for curves, but its length and a rectangular back plate hint at angularity and perpendicular lines, making it ideal for settings where you wish for your stainless steel outdoor wall lights to complement both a round table but otherwise angular features. Or perhaps you simply prefer that narrower lighting design and didn't understand why it looks so well against the lines of brickwork on your wall, elongating its appearance and affording an impression of width too when spaced regularly.

Hats, hoods, shades and caps can all feature on stainless steel lanterns and these add to the beauty of the design. As well as providing a practical function and keeping the illumination directed, they can suggest stripes and bands, which are ideal for breaking up large patches of plain stonework or complementing the pattern in brickwork or paving. Flat fronted lights are ideal when you do not want any obvious protrusion, perhaps where space is limited at a porch front. Lanterns that extend so that you effectively have lighting for two sides of a wall can be a great investment, as you will not need as many lighting units for the required illumination on corner walls, thus saving you money.

